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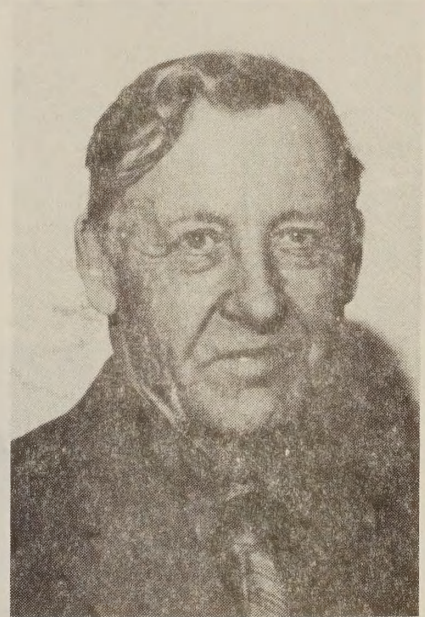




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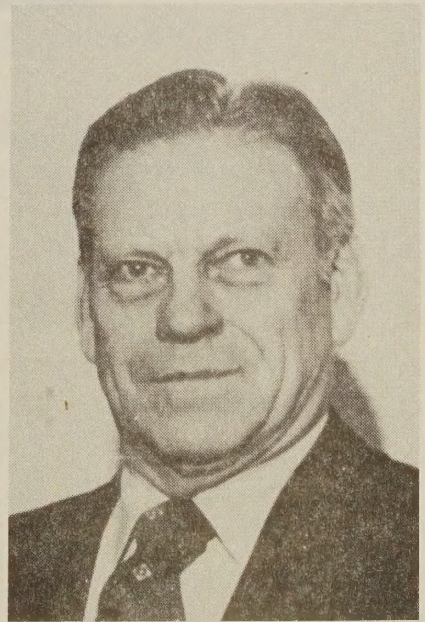
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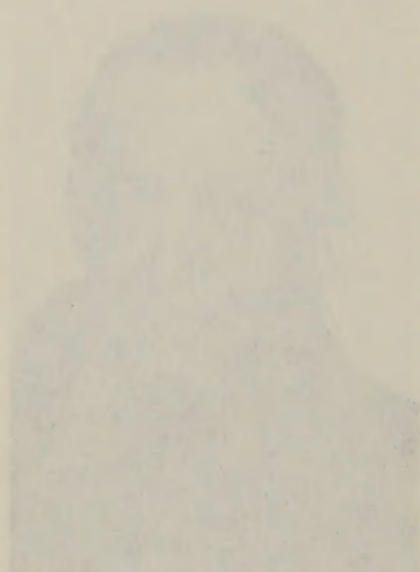


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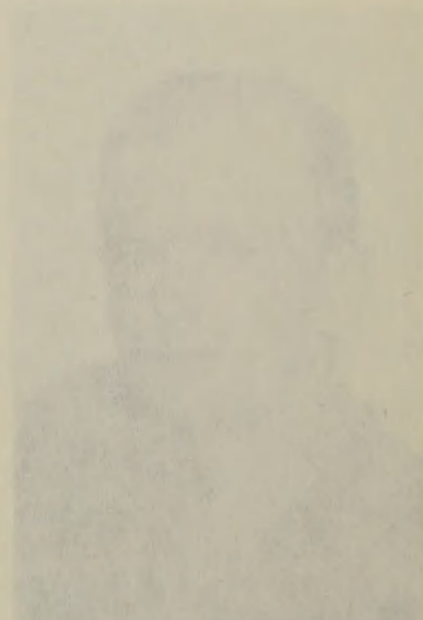
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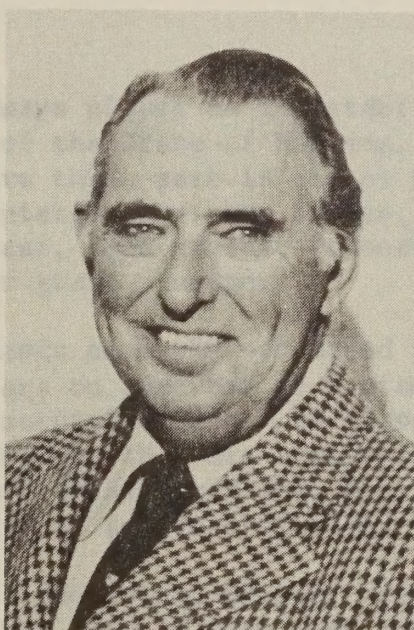
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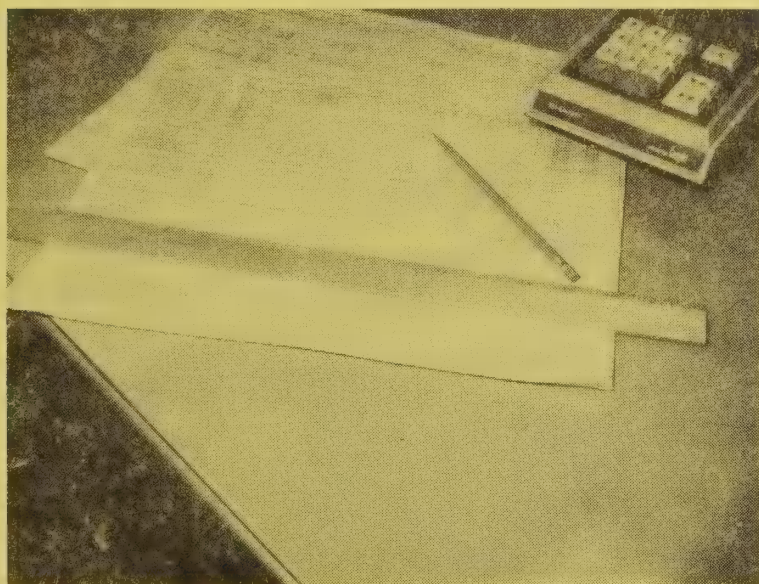
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# ADMINISTRATIVE







NET ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES  
1974 CALENDAR YEAR

<u>County Office</u>	<u>Expense</u>
Beaverhead	\$ 23,973
Big Horn	49,743
Blaine	50,107
Broadwater	31,577
Carbon	47,978
Carter	26,050
Cascade	54,402
Chouteau	65,319
Custer	34,753
Daniels	56,944
Dawson	62,419
Fallon	33,442
Fergus	91,946
Flathead	39,929
Gallatin	58,116
Garfield	38,696
Glacier	35,802
Hill	71,245
Jefferson	21,926
Judith Basin	39,008
Lake	31,639
Lewis & Clark	27,579
Liberty	42,450
McCone	49,041
Missoula	31,060
Musselshell	30,598
Park	27,196
Phillips	43,997
Pondera	60,566
Powder River	34,879
Powell	35,714
Prairie	25,270
Ravalli	22,774
Richland	72,841
Roosevelt	86,132
Rosebud	43,510
Sanders	33,237
Sheridan	93,846
Stillwater	37,332
Sweet Grass	21,399
Teton	59,416
Toole	75,061
Valley	53,228
Wheatland	42,626
Wibaux	28,983
Yellowstone	58,749
	<u>\$2,092,498</u>

DATA ON ELECTIONS HELD IN 1974  
FOR TERMS BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 1975

<u>County</u>	<u>Number of Committees</u>	<u>Number of Eligible Voters</u>	<u>Number of Ballots Cast</u>	<u>Percent Voting</u>
Beaverhead	1	237	90	38.0
Big Horn	6	1194	265	22.0
Blaine	7	1114	422	37.8
Broadwater	1	410	206	50.2
Carbon	6	1108	389	35.1
Carter	3	542	246	45.3
Cascade	7	1692	682	40.3
Chouteau	14	2091	984	47.0
Custer	6	626	270	43.1
Daniels	11	1041	480	46.1
Dawson	9	1292	528	40.8
Deer Lodge	1	132	52	39.4
Fallon	3	617	348	56.4
Fergus	11	1584	647	40.8
Flathead	5	1861	598	32.1
Gallatin	6	1070	396	37.0
Garfield	7	394	180	45.6
Glacier	3	1626	254	15.6
Golden Valley	3	493	173	35.1
Granite	1	319	112	35.1
Hill	9	2173	915	42.1
Jefferson	3	234	79	33.8
Judith Basin	9	539	278	51.6
Lake	4	1986	366	18.4
Lewis & Clark	3	632	207	32.7
Liberty	5	660	316	47.9
Lincoln	1	369	121	32.8
McCone	7	1223	542	44.3
Madison	4	479	163	34.0
Meagher	1	176	68	38.6
Mineral	1	135	67	49.6
Missoula	1	960	221	23.0
Musselshell	3	633	181	28.6
Park	3	798	256	32.1
Petroleum	1	178	88	49.4
Phillips	9	721	272	37.7
Pondera	5	1496	599	40.0
Powder River	7	567	257	45.3
Powell	1	423	131	31.0
Prairie	3	453	224	49.4
Ravalli	3	1837	410	22.3
Richland	12	1477	596	40.3
Roosevelt	13	2563	821	32.0
Rosebud	5	1125	330	29.3
Sanders	4	564	203	36.0
Sheridan	15	1845	771	41.8
Silver Bow	1	125	39	31.2
Stillwater	7	1116	560	50.2
Sweet Grass	1	448	162	36.2
Teton	13	1363	675	49.5
Toole	5	780	267	34.2
Treasure	1	326	91	27.9
Valley	11	1652	745	45.1
Wheatland	1	413	123	29.8
Wibaux	5	386	200	51.8
Yellowstone	9	1732	590	34.1
Totals	297	52,030	19,256	37.0

# **COMMODITY LOANS AND PURCHASES**





## COMMODITY LOANS AND PURCHASES

Price support loans and purchases are basic methods of making price support available to agricultural producers. Other methods of support include direct purchases and payments.

Loan programs enable producers to exercise greater independence in their marketing operations. They give farmers the opportunity to spread out marketings over a larger part of the year by holding their crops and still obtain ready cash for immediate needs. If the opportunity does not arise for the producer to profitably pay off his loan and sell the grain on the open market, the loan may be satisfied in full by paying the service fee and turning the collateral over to the Commodity Credit Corporation.

Price support was available in 1973 to Montana farmers on wheat, barley, oats, rye, flaxseed, corn, dry beans, and honey. With the exception of corn, barley, and wheat, loans and purchases were available without limitation as to acreage or production.

Loans may be obtained on grain stored either on farms or in warehouses. Generally, loans on farm-stored grains are made at the county basic price support loan rate on a maximum of 90 percent of the measured quantity of grain in storage. A protein premium may be obtained on farm-stored wheat if the producer requests it and pays for sampling and testing. If farm-stored grain is delivered to Commodity Credit Corporation at maturity date in settlement of a loan, settlement is computed on the basis of the actual quantity and quality of grain delivered.

Loans are made on grain stored in warehouses on the basis of the actual quantity and quality of the grain as represented by the warehouse receipt.

Healthy market prices well above loan program levels eliminated the need for loan extensions; therefore, resale loans were not authorized for the 1974-75 storage period for any commodity.



## COMMODITY LOANS AND PURCHASES

## LOAN AND PURCHASE RATES - 1973 CROP YEAR

County	Wheat (#1)	Barley (#2)	Oats (#3)	Flax (#1)
Beaverhead	\$1.09	\$ .75	\$.56	\$
Big Horn	1.10	.68	.50	
Blaine	1.08	.67	.47	2.14
Broadwater	1.06	.79	.52	2.13
Carbon	1.08	.73	.51	2.13
Carter	1.16	.70	.48	2.28
Cascade	1.08	.75	.51	2.13
Chouteau	1.08	.73	.49	2.14
Custer	1.14	.69	.47	2.24
Daniels	1.13	.67	.44	2.22
Dawson	1.15	.69	.44	2.29
Deer Lodge	1.06	.81	.54	
Fallon	1.18	.70	.45	2.28
Fergus	1.08	.73	.49	2.13
Flathead	1.10	.85	.54	2.13
Gallatin	1.06	.81	.52	
Garfield	1.12	.68	.46	
Glacier	1.08	.74	.51	2.14
Golden Valley	1.08	.73	.50	2.13
Granite	1.04	.80	.55	
Hill	1.08	.70	.48	2.14
Jefferson	1.05	.79	.53	
Judith Basin	1.08	.72	.50	
Lake	1.07	.80	.55	
Lewis & Clark	1.08	.74	.53	2.13
Liberty	1.08	.72	.49	2.14
Lincoln	1.10	.85	.56	
McCone	1.14	.69	.45	2.26
Madison	1.06	.81	.54	1.97
Meagher	1.08	.76	.51	
Mineral	1.07	.83	.56	
Missoula	1.07	.83	.55	
Musselshell	1.10	.72	.49	
Park	1.06	.79	.52	
Petroleum	1.10	.71	.48	
Phillips	1.10	.65	.46	2.16
Pondera	1.08	.74	.50	2.14
Powder River	1.14	.68	.49	2.22
Powell	1.06	.81	.54	
Prairie	1.15	.69	.46	2.25
Ravalli	1.04	.80	.55	
Richland	1.15	.69	.44	2.27
Roosevelt	1.14	.70	.43	2.26
Rosebud	1.12	.68	.48	2.19
Sanders	1.07	.83	.56	
Sheridan	1.15	.69	.43	2.25
Silver Bow	1.06	.81	.54	
Stillwater	1.08	.73	.51	
Sweet Grass	1.08	.76	.51	
Teton	1.08	.74	.50	2.14
Toole	1.08	.73	.50	2.14
Treasure	1.10	.70	.49	
Valley	1.12	.66	.45	2.20
Wheatland	1.08	.74	.50	
Wibaux	1.18	.70	.45	2.29
Yellowstone	1.08	.73	.51	2.13

Corn (#2) - \$1.14 per bushel in all counties

Honey (White) - 16.9 cents per pound in all counties

Beans (#1) - Pinto - \$6.27 cwt. in all counties

Great Northern - \$7.01 in all counties

Rye (#2) - 75 cents per bushel in all counties

## 1973 COMMODITY LOANS

## BARLEY

County	No.	Bushels	Dollars
Big Horn	2	22,262	\$ 14,059
Blaine	2	37,213	24,932
Broadwater	10	38,982	30,795
Carter	2	7,402	5,181
Cascade	1	21,333	15,999
Chouteau	4	19,198	14,014
Daniels	13	75,237	50,408
Fallon	1	23,002	16,101
Fergus	5	33,607	24,477
Flathead	3	18,272	15,531
Gallatin	3	27,731	22,462
Glacier	5	131,646	97,217
Hill	3	27,784	18,680
Jefferson	1	6,029	4,763
Judith Basin	2	17,630	12,693
McCone	1	2,529	1,745
Phillips	2	27,227	17,697
Pondera	5	55,830	41,314
Powell	1	1,800	1,620
Richland	3	75,038	51,771
Roosevelt	2	3,406	2,384
Sheridan	6	24,419	16,849
Stillwater	2	13,474	9,836
Teton	3	11,788	8,723
Toole	7	36,613	25,666
Wibaux	4	7,434	5,203
TOTALS	93	766,886	550,120

## 1973 COMMODITY LOANS

## OATS

County	No.	Bushels	Dollars
Carter	1	1,876	\$ 900
Richland	2	5,749	2,528
Wibaux	1	596	268
TOTALS	4	8,221	3,696

## HONEY

County	No.	Pounds	Dollars
Fergus	2	56,283	\$ 9,511
Phillips	1	38,385	6,487
Prairie	4	85,470	14,444
Rosebud	1	59,400	10,038
Wheatland	1	102,000	17,238
TOTALS	9	341,538	57,718

## 1973 COMMODITY LOANS

## WHEAT

County	No.	Bushels	Dollars
Beaverhead	1	5,000	\$ 5,450
Big Horn	4	105,254	115,353
Blaine	1	8,825	9,531
Broadwater	3	8,263	8,758
Carbon	2	12,963	14,000
Carter	2	7,889	9,151
Cascade	2	38,753	41,853
Chouteau	9	124,290	134,233
Daniels	44	256,575	289,923
Dawson	4	49,717	57,437
Fergus	4	23,703	24,809
Flathead	2	17,710	19,481
Gallatin	4	31,501	33,391
Garfield	2	38,625	43,260
Glacier	3	8,938	9,653
Hill	10	127,940	138,175
Jefferson	1	13,095	13,749
Judith Basin	2	4,201	4,537
Liberty	1	15,481	16,719
McCone	17	173,843	199,649
Phillips	2	13,095	14,404
Pondera	7	56,838	61,233
Prairie	1	2,053	2,360
Richland	13	99,410	114,309
Roosevelt	20	133,580	152,281
Rosebud	2	6,265	7,016
Sanders	1	8,945	9,571
Sheridan	31	190,461	219,030
Stillwater	5	27,217	29,394
Teton	4	10,504	11,344
Toole	5	36,644	39,575
Valley	13	115,786	129,680
Wibaux	6	26,838	31,668
Yellowstone	4	33,770	36,364
TOTALS	232	1,833,972	2,047,341





# BEEKEEPER INDEMNITY





## BEEKEEPER INDEMNITY PAYMENT PROGRAM

The Beekeeper Indemnity Payment Program provides for payments to beekeepers who, through no fault of their own, suffer losses of honey bees due to the application of USDA approved pesticides.

Beekeepers applying for indemnification under this program must establish that the loss was caused solely by the use of pesticides near or adjacent to his apiary and occurred without his fault, that he took all reasonable precautions to protect his bees from exposure, and that he took reasonable action to minimize the bee loss to the extent that such action was feasible.

Payments were based on the degree of loss as follows:

- 1     \$22.50 for each colony destroyed
- 2     \$15.00 for each colony severely damaged
- 3     \$ 7.50 for each colony moderately damaged
- 4     \$ 7.50 for each queen nucleus destroyed

The severity of loss was determined by qualified bee inspectors. No payment was made for honey production losses.

Payments made for losses incurred in 1974 (including two amounting to \$6,347.94 carried over from 1973) were as follows:

<u>County</u>	<u>Number of Claims</u>	<u>Indemnity</u>
Big Horn	1	\$ 4,527.50
Carbon	1	1,080.00
Fergus	1	247.50
Powder River	<u>2</u>	<u>6,347.94</u>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>\$12,202.94</b>



# CCC BIN SITE OPERATIONS







#### CCC BIN SITES

The last government-owned commodity storage structures in Montana were sold in 1974. This marked the end of an era spanning 24 years in which surplus wheat, barley, oats and minor quantities of rye and flax acquired from farmers under price support operations were stored in government-owned structures. In 1956 CCC-owned storage capacity in Montana totaled 17.4 million bushels dispersed in 84 binsites located in 30 major grain producing counties.

Sold at auction were the remaining 537 bins with a capacity of approximately 2,000,000 bushels. The storage capacity was not lost to Montana since the bins were purchased by local farmers.

Prior to the bin sales, the grain inventory consisting of 180,000 bushels of spring, 44,000 bushels of winter, 100,000 bushels of durum wheat and 11,000 bushels of rye were sold locally at market prices. In addition, 100,000 bushels of durum were shipped to terminal position for disposition by the Commodity Office



**FARM STORAGE  
AND DRYING EQUIPMENT  
LOANS**





#### FARM STORAGE AND DRYING EQUIPMENT LOAN PROGRAM

The Farm Storage and Drying Equipment Loan Program is designed to help producers provide adequate on-farm facilities for storage and handling of at least one year's production. With sufficient storage, a producer may hold his grain, take a price support loan if necessary, and wait for the best possible marketing opportunity. A combination of adequate storage and price support helps producers spread marketing over the year and relieves pressure on transportation and commercial storage facilities at harvest time.

Basically, the FS-DE Loan Program offers producers loans up to 70% (but not to exceed \$25,000) of the cost of building or acquiring needed storage facilities and dryers. Needs are determined on the basis of one year's production.

Loans which were disbursed during the period January 1 through September 30, 1974 bear interest at the rate of 8 3/4% per year. Changes in this program-effective October 1, 1974-provided for semiannual adjustments in the interest rate for loans made after that date. The rate for the period October 1, 1974 through March 31, 1975 was set at 9.375% with subsequent rates to be determined by CCC depending on the cost of borrowings by CCC.





## FARM STORAGE LOANS

1974 Calendar Year

County	Number of Loans	Total Bushels	Total Disbursed
Beaverhead	1	7,615	\$ 2,642
Broadwater	1	6,400	885
Carbon	1	2,170	596
Cascade	2	7,700	2,235
Chouteau	2	32,050	7,476
Custer	5	30,250	13,740
Daniels	5	39,475	6,183
Dawson	3	8,100	2,080
Fallon	1	10,000	2,780
Gallatin	1	13,500	4,760
Garfield	1	1,350	455
Hill	6	59,715	8,514
Judith Basin	1	13,310	3,902
McCone	2	6,350	1,908
Madison	1	4,900	1,971
Park	1	10,050	8,194
Phillips	3	36,305	6,901
Pondera	1	13,000	1,811
Richland	1	13,000	5,320
Roosevelt	5	45,500	7,280
Rosebud	1	2,700	804
Sheridan	10	58,532	17,122
Teton	5	23,714	5,948
Toole	1	20,000	9,900
Valley	6	34,400	8,691
Yellowstone	1	2,700	639
TOTALS	68	502,786	132,737

## FARM STORAGE LOANS

From Inception of Program 1949 Through 1974

County	Number of Loans	Total Bushels	Total Disbursed
Beaverhead	49	573,250	\$ 152,705
Big Horn	339	2,351,898	622,926
Blaine	311	2,342,096	552,639
Broadwater	170	1,168,438	295,675
Carbon	203	721,338	205,817
Carter	190	867,494	272,123
Cascade	204	1,575,129	369,838
Chouteau	606	5,775,715	1,291,263
Custer	120	747,725	201,654
Daniels	466	2,893,442	720,035
Dawson	237	1,925,692	527,720
Deer Lodge	2	3,200	937
Fallon	310	1,691,856	519,643
Fergus	352	2,261,312	541,910
Flathead	98	445,330	117,607
Gallatin	216	806,437	232,482
Garfield	65	509,633	110,336
Glacier	471	6,010,191	1,166,809
Golden Valley	38	262,149	54,802
Granite	6	12,550	3,736
Hill	815	7,835,396	1,843,144
Jefferson	24	218,830	60,228
Judith Basin	212	1,381,570	378,334
Lake	115	334,539	78,176
Lewis & Clark	42	243,378	58,820
Liberty	254	3,033,738	729,117
Lincoln	1	30,000	9,272
McCone	412	3,077,802	750,141
Madison	41	160,978	46,118
Meagher	24	146,615	58,495
Missoula	9	17,550	5,077
Musselshell	47	171,830	41,661
Park	21	113,050	36,366
Petroleum	9	28,000	9,736
Phillips	358	1,765,918	404,276
Pondera	534	4,647,488	1,016,581
Powder River	66	367,202	86,529
Powell	11	22,450	7,152
Prairie	111	613,188	147,109
Ravalli	13	36,600	9,229
Richland	476	3,379,764	960,182
Roosevelt	325	2,681,566	629,068
Rosebud	148	698,742	185,135
Sanders	13	58,861	17,538
Sheridan	608	4,174,281	969,179
Silver Bow	2	5,000	1,499
Stillwater	245	1,594,953	419,479
Sweet Grass	28	216,905	45,165
Teton	394	2,086,219	476,802
Toole	510	5,651,536	1,377,722
Treasure	66	227,974	77,767
Valley	535	3,624,487	888,192
Wheatland	36	234,361	58,847
Wibaux	196	1,434,293	421,972
Yellowstone	197	1,580,432	408,931
TOTALS	11,351	84,840,371	20,673,696

# WOOL





## WOOL

Payments on shorn wool have been authorized since passage of the National Wool Act of 1954 as a means of encouraging increased domestic production. In recent years the incentive price has been fixed by formula to reflect parity index changes. The Agricultural Act of 1970 extended the program through 1973 and provided that the incentive price for the years 1971 through 1973 would be 72 cents per pound.

The objective of the program is to encourage production of approximately 300 million pounds of shorn wool annually at prices fair to producers and consumers and in a manner which will have the least adverse effect on foreign trade.

Payments are based on the difference between the incentive price--72 cents per pound for the 1973 marketing (Calendar) year--and the average price received by producers for all wool sold during the marketing year.

Computation of the incentive payment as a percent of each grower's return encourages him to produce the quality of wool the market demands and to market it at the best price obtainable.

Incentive payments are also made on the basis of the liveweight of shorn lambs marketed. This is designed to discourage unusual shearing of lambs prior to marketing.

The National Wool Act also recognized the desirability of increasing the market for wool and lambs and provided that growers could finance this market development. The Act authorized deductions from payments, after approval by growers in referendum, for the purpose of conducting advertising and sales promotion programs. Promotion programs are carried out in accordance with an agreement between the Secretary of Agriculture and the American Sheep Producers Council. The present agreement was approved by about 87 percent of the producers voting in the 1971 referendum.

The National average price received by growers for wool sold in 1973 was 82.7 cents per pound. Since this was higher than the established 72 cent incentive level, no payments were made. And no funds were furnished to the American Sheep Producers Council at the maximum rate of  $1\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ per pound for shorn wool and  $7\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ per hundredweight of unshorn lambs. This was the first year since the passage of the Act in 1954 that the program was inoperative.



# SUGARBEETS







## SUGARBEETS

United States growers produce sugarbeets under a Sugar Act which is designed to (1) protect the welfare of the domestic sugar industry, (2) provide consumers with ample supplies at a reasonable price, and (3) promote and strengthen the export trade of the United States.

To achieve these goals a quota system regulates the supplies of sugar sold in the United States. The larger part of the sugar consumed comes from domestic areas and the remainder from friendly foreign countries.

Payments are made to domestic growers to augment farm income and as a means of compensating them for not employing child labor, for paying fair wages, and, when necessary, adjusting their production to proportionate shares of a national objective acreage. Payments are financed from the general funds of the Treasury. However, sugar taxes (an excise tax of 1/2 cent per pound, raw value basis, on all sugar marketed within the quota system) exceed total payments by approximately \$19 million annually.

Growers desiring to qualify for sugar payments this year were required to (1) pay workers in full for labor on sugarbeets at rates not less than those determined by the Secretary of Agriculture to be fair and reasonable, and (2) observe limitations on the use of child labor.

Compliance with acreage controls (proportionate shares), when proclaimed, is also a condition of eligibility for sugar payments. However, proportionate shares were not needed in 1974 to limit sugarbeet plantings. Proportionate shares to limit supplies of beet sugar were last used in 1966.

The basic rate of payment is 80 cents per hundredweight of sugar commercially recoverable. This rate applies to the first 7,000 hundredweight produced on a farm after which the rate is reduced progressively to a minimum of 30 cents per hundredweight on production in excess of 600,000 hundredweight on a farm.

Benefits are also provided for growers in the form of partial payments when drought, flood, storm, freeze, disease or insects cause abandonment of acreage or a deficiency in total farm production.



## PARTICIPANTS AND PAYMENTS

## 1974 CROP SUGARBEETS

Area County	Farms	No. of Payees	Total Sugar for Payment (Cwt.)	Net Payment
Great Western - Billings				
Big Horn	13	34	82,365.3	\$ 64,842.06
Blaine	7	12	16,876.3	13,501.04
Broadwater	11	26	62,817.9	49,787.92
Carbon	76	142	345,866.5	272,763.11
Ravalli	6	8	21,113.9	16,743.56
Rosebud	13	22	68,122.9	54,090.09
Stillwater	14	25	58,460.5	46,694.72
Treasure	23	37	220,675.1	166,154.52
Yellowstone	161	351	619,907.2	493,303.79
AREA TOTAL	324	657	1,496,205.6	1,177,880.81
Holly - Sidney				
Custer	34	56	134,007.7	107,060.70
Dawson	31	58	139,390.0	110,939.39
Prairie	27	35	108,722.8	86,462.35
Richland	121	235	566,107.8	449,929.26
AREA TOTAL	213	384	948,228.3	754,391.70
STATE TOTAL	537	1,041	2,444,433.9	1,932,272.51

## ACREAGE, TONNAGE AND COMMERCIALY RECOVERABLE SUGAR

## 1974 CROP SUGARBEETS

Area County	Acres Planted	Acres Harvested	Tons of Beets Marketed	Rec. Sugar From Beets Marketed (Cwt.)
Great Western - Billings				
Big Horn	1,542.5	1,533.5	52,228.4	81,930.1
Blaine	381.9	381.9	5,576.9	16,572.2
Broadwater	1,667.8	1,655.8	21,970.4	62,660.7
Carbon	6,196.7	6,052.9	115,404.5	343,755.9
Ravalli	355.9	355.9	7,129.6	21,113.9
Rosebud	1,241.5	1,207.2	23,086.6	67,476.9
Stillwater	905.6	905.6	19,710.3	58,203.2
Treasure	3,448.5	3,443.5	75,017.7	220,435.5
Yellowstone	10,016.4	9,832.2	206,706.2	615,369.1
AREA TOTAL	25,756.8	25,368.5	531,830.6	1,487,517.5
Holly - Sidney				
Custer	2,465.6	2,443.0	46,502.6	133,419.5
Dawson	2,822.4	2,822.4	47,744.6	139,390.0
Prairie	2,140.7	2,124.8	37,159.8	108,493.3
Richland	11,290.6	11,210.4	193,930.3	561,938.5
AREA TOTAL	18,719.3	18,600.6	325,337.3	943,241.3
STATE TOTAL	44,476.1	43,969.1	852,167.9	2,430,758.8

## STATISTICAL RECORD OF SUGARBEET PROGRAM

## 1974 CROP SUGARBEETS

Area County	BONA FIDE ABANDONMENT For Payment			DEFICIENCY	
	Farms	Acres	Cwt.	Farms	Cwt.
Great Western - Billings					
Big Horn	1	9.0	178.7	2	256.5
Blaine	0	0.0	0.0	1	304.1
Broadwater	1	12.0	157.2	0	0.0
Carbon	7	143.8	2,105.9	1	4.7
Ravalli	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0
Rosebud	3	34.3	636.8	1	9.2
Stillwater	0	0.0	0.0	1	257.3
Treasure	1	5.0	93.8	2	145.8
Yellowstone	17	187.2	3,346.2	5	1,192.0
AREA TOTAL	30	391.3	6,518.6	13	2,169.6
Holly - Sidney					
Custer	3	22.6	384.2	1	204.0
Dawson	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0
Prairie	2	15.9	221.2	1	8.3
Richland	5	80.2	1,043.3	7	3,126.0
AREA TOTAL	10	118.7	1,648.7	9	3,338.3
STATE TOTAL	40	510.0	8,167.3	22	5,507.9

## HUNDREDWEIGHT OF SUGAR COMMERCIALY RECOVERABLE

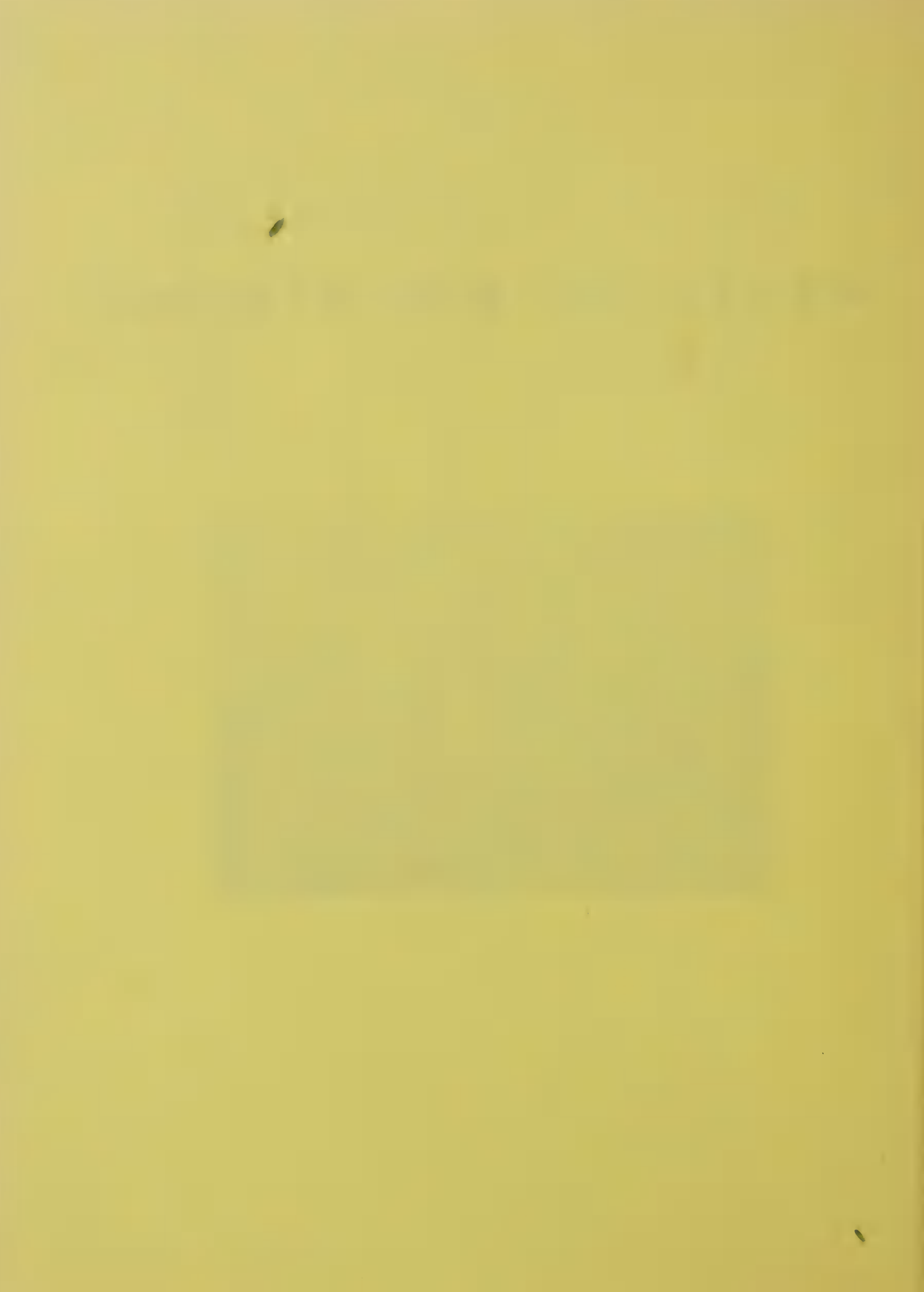
PER PLANTED ACRE

County	1969	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974
Big Horn	47.6	45.8				53.1
Blaine	35.5	31.8	40.4	45.4	49.7	43.4
Broadwater	35.9	30.4	34.9	37.1	32.1	37.6
Carbon	45.2	37.6	48.1	47.6	44.7	55.5
Custer	59.7	40.5	41.3	62.2	60.3	54.1
Dawson	46.0	42.2	42.0	44.9	48.4	49.4
Prairie	37.8	44.2	46.7	56.7	50.6	50.7
Ravalli	56.8	45.8	51.3	58.2	57.8	59.3
Richland	46.9	44.3	49.3	45.8	54.9	49.8
Rosebud	53.2	48.4	50.0	52.7	59.0	54.3
Stillwater	45.2	43.4	59.7	54.2	46.1	64.3
Treasure	60.2	53.7	62.5	65.5	64.3	63.9
Yellowstone	53.7	45.1	56.6	56.2	56.4	61.4



# CROPLAND ADJUSTMENT





#### CROPLAND ADJUSTMENT PROGRAM

The year 1974 saw a continuation of the servicing of Cropland Adjustment Program (CAP) agreements that were written in 1966 and 1967. No agreement was entered into for a period in excess of ten years.

Originally 191 agreements were signed by producers to divert 34,967 acres of cropland to conserving use. Of these only 114 agreements covering 20,494 acres were still in effect for the 1974 program year. Seventeen public access agreements involving 4,408 acres were in effect. These acres were open to the public for hunting, fishing, trapping, and hiking.

Haying or grazing of designated acreage not covered by public access agreements was authorized with a very nominal payment reduction assessed for this privilege.

## 1974 CAP STATISTICS

## Regular Agreements

County	No. Agreements	Designated Acreage	Amount Paid
Beaverhead	1	514.6	\$ 5,784.76
Big Horn	1	104.4	872.76
Blaine	1	67.6	965.33
Broadwater	1	288.6	1,731.60
Carter	2	608.6	1,557.33
Cascade	2	93.0	703.12
Custer	1	40.0	1,874.08
Daniels	2	386.0	3,051.27
Dawson	20	2,398.4	29,225.06
Fallon	10	1,558.4	8,886.06
Fergus	4	251.0	1,464.19
Garfield	2	702.8	5,054.52
Glacier	1	45.0	421.20
McCone	6	1,156.9	7,645.51
Missoula	1	87.0	522.00
Musselshell	3	565.8	3,840.06
Petroleum	4	739.8	3,935.95
Pondera	1	264.9	2,906.07
Powell	1	112.8	Lump Sum Pd.
Prairie	4	1,082.7	8,496.70
Richland	18	3,711.4	30,725.76
Roosevelt	9	1,137.1	10,091.40
Rosebud	1	123.0	1,016.44
Sheridan	7	1,192.9	8,073.33
Teton	2	376.0	2,984.71
Valley	1	287.7	
Wheatland	2	930.0	6,778.00
Wibaux	5	1,514.0	9,390.31
Yellowstone	1	154.0	1,292.99
TOTALS	114	20,494.4	\$159,290.51

## Public Access Agreements

County	No. Agreements	Designated Acreage	Amount Paid
Dawson	6	344.0	\$ 270.00
Fallon	2	699.9	0.00
McCone	1	118.0	88.50
Prairie	2	778.8	1,168.20
Richland	3	1,324.8	0.00
Sheridan	2	719.8	236.40
Wibaux	1	422.7	0.00
TOTALS	17	4,408.0	\$1,763.10

# WHEAT AND FEED GRAIN

## DISASTERS





## WHEAT AND FEED GRAIN DISASTER PROGRAMS

The Agriculture and Consumer Protection Act of 1973 provides for wheat and feed grain disaster programs for the crop years 1974 through 1977. Although the law provides for the set-aside of cropland as a payment eligibility provision the Secretary determined that none would be required for 1974 and that there would be no seeding restrictions. The programs afforded producers having wheat and feed grain allotments an opportunity to:

1. Earn deficiency payments to maintain reasonable farm income in the event of low market prices.
2. Earn disaster payments to help offset crop losses they may suffer that are attributable to a natural disaster.

Deficiency payments - Payments were authorized to be made whenever the average market price during the first 5 months of the marketing year for the commodity fell below the established price. The established prices were: Wheat - \$2.05, Barley - \$1.13, Corn - \$1.38, and Grain Sorghum - \$1.30. The payment was to be computed by multiplying the farm allotment times the established farm yield times the difference between the established price and the 5 month average market price. Inasmuch as the 5 month average market price did not fall below the established price for any of the program crops no deficiency payments were made in 1974.

Disaster payments - There were two types of disaster payments - those for prevented planting and those for abnormally low yields. In both cases the COC was required to determine that the prevented planting or low yield was caused by a natural disaster or reason beyond the control of the producer.

The disaster per bushel payment rates by commodity were: Wheat - 68¢, Corn - 46¢, Barley - 38¢, and Grain Sorghum - 44¢.

Prevented planting payments were authorized to be made on an acreage equal to the difference between the actual plantings of annual non-conserving crops and the smaller of the sum of the wheat and feed grain allotments or the intended plantings. The underplanted commodity acreage for payment was determined by prorating the total approved underplanting to the various commodity allotments on the farm.

Low yield payments were authorized when the producer's total bushel production (actual and appraised) fell below the farm's disaster yield level times the smaller of the allotment or seeded acreage. The farm's disaster yield for a commodity was computed by multiplying the farm established yield by a factor determined by dividing the county's ten year average yield by its current year check yield for that commodity. Eligibility for payment was determined by programs separately unless the farm was in substitution, in which event the combined allotments and production were considered. A farm was considered in substitution if the wheat allotment was overseeded and the total feed grain allotment underseeded or vice versa. Once a farm was determined eligible for payment the earned amount was computed by multiplying the bushels of underproduction by the bushel payment rate.

The wheat and feed grain disaster program statistics found on the following pages were extracted from the statistical report compiled by the computer as of June 30, 1975.



## 1974 WHEAT PROGRAM

County	Number of Farms	Allotment Acres
Beaverhead	46	9,149
Big Horn	340	65,600
Blaine	472	85,645
Broadwater	133	26,170
Carbon	325	27,660
Carter	156	26,428
Cascade	696	125,970
Chouteau	1,041	333,519
Custer	171	22,376
Daniels	602	198,516
Dawson	557	127,590
Deer Lodge	16	1,045
Fallon	328	82,705
Fergus	740	153,956
Flathead	511	24,064
Gallatin	537	62,478
Garfield	188	41,281
Glacier	215	53,208
Golden Valley	109	17,222
Granite	15	705
Hill	783	304,106
Jefferson	30	8,251
Judith Basin	341	78,993
Lake	205	14,599
Lewis & Clark	98	13,435
Liberty	346	158,907
Lincoln	9	285
McCone	553	161,298
Madison	75	9,175
Meagher	31	4,206
Mineral	10	522
Missoula	76	6,631
Musselshell	100	15,724
Park	165	21,902
Petroleum	49	6,667
Phillips	383	87,731
Pondera	529	147,052
Powder River	181	28,178
Powell	48	3,951
Prairie	186	36,074
Ravalli	88	4,754
Richland	742	137,068
Roosevelt	1,005	247,198
Rosebud	160	22,918
Sanders	70	5,594
Sheridan	881	214,601
Silver Bow	1	9
Stillwater	290	60,376
Sweet Grass	108	10,544
Teton	732	160,883
Toole	441	152,898
Treasure	47	4,821
Valley	1,015	222,423
Wheatland	83	10,381
Wibaux	282	53,644
Yellowstone	667	80,439
TOTALS	18,008	3,981,525

## 1974 FEED GRAIN PROGRAM

County	Barley		Corn		Feed Grain
	Number Farms	Allotment Acres	Number Farms	Allotment Acres	Reserve Acres Held
Beaverhead	61	4,845			13
Big Horn	306	24,039	88	2,070	84
Blaine	442	43,626	35	1,054	14
Broadwater	127	8,605	10	176	30
Carbon	285	9,082	67	897	28
Carter	144	7,419	95	3,480	20
Cascade	637	49,868	26	747	56
Chouteau	1,028	146,472	24	629	24
Custer	122	6,103	116	3,773	21
Daniels	571	45,432	54	1,708	19
Dawson	506	28,670	274	11,541	51
Deer Lodge	15	903			10
Fallon	300	15,913	223	11,692	25
Fergus	715	58,880	17	515	22
Flathead	476	13,779	9	71	20
Gallatin	474	25,408	21	353	53
Garfield	164	10,280	46	1,209	50
Glacier	236	78,599			61
Golden Valley	96	4,741	8	50	11
Granite	24	935			10
Hill	771	142,518	19	319	108
Jefferson	41	2,748			31
Judith Basin	332	29,176	3	87	21
Lake	184	4,351	10	128	16
Lewis & Clark	94	5,624	3	71	--
Liberty	342	64,610	3	77	4
Lincoln	4	33			--
McCone	499	34,090	181	5,274	43
Madison	80	3,421	2	19	17
Meagher	27	2,528			10
Mineral	8	145			5
Missoula	79	2,813	3	54	10
Musselshell	93	4,559	18	558	12
Park	139	7,093			59
Petroleum	52	3,560	9	155	3
Phillips	314	20,885	45	991	303
Pondera	531	82,066			18
Powder River	143	5,149	30	596	31
Powell	52	2,753	1	86	21
Prairie	146	5,406	135	4,392	46
Ravalli	106	3,182	25	312	25
Richland	686	32,214	418	14,625	101
Roosevelt	919	47,888	237	6,898	82
Rosebud	139	8,328	68	1,971	12
Sanders	78	1,933			30
Sheridan	839	61,550	161	4,139	206
Silver Bow	3	30			--
Stillwater	317	20,360	40	769	2
Sweet Grass	139	6,722	2	11	--
Teton	718	63,688	11	100	93
Toole	444	95,160	3	61	108
Treasure	62	1,856	57	2,097	15
Valley	914	67,235	77	2,362	102
Wheatland	91	6,085			20
Wibaux	221	9,346	174	8,084	30
Yellowstone	660	31,189	343	5,993	32
TOTALS	16,996	1,463,893	3,191	100,194	2,238

1974 WHEAT AND FEED GRAIN PROGRAMS  
Number of Farms Earning Payment

County	Corn	Barley	Wheat	Total Net
Beaverhead	--	6	8	8
Big Horn	--	2	1	2
Blaine	2	11	10	13
Broadwater	2	45	55	57
Carbon	--	1	2	2
Carter	2	1	2	2
Cascade	4	59	61	63
Chouteau	1	48	51	54
Custer	8	7	8	13
Daniels	2	18	24	25
Dawson	3	4	5	6
Deer Lodge	--	5	6	6
Fallon	1	3	2	3
Fergus	2	126	110	146
Flathead	--	10	17	18
Gallatin	--	42	41	48
Garfield	5	14	16	17
Glacier	--	65	68	75
Golden Valley	--	5	7	7
Granite	--	5	6	8
Hill	--	25	25	25
Jefferson	--	15	18	19
Judith Basin	2	83	82	98
Lake	--	5	7	7
Lewis & Clark	--	33	38	41
Liberty	--	180	186	192
Lincoln	--	1	2	2
McCone	4	13	20	20
Madison	--	14	15	19
Meagher	--	5	7	7
Mineral	--	5	4	5
Missoula	--	9	10	10
Musselshell	--	11	10	11
Park	--	31	38	42
Petroleum	--	--	1	1
Phillips	--	4	6	7
Pondera	--	304	315	334
Powder River	--	1	2	2
Powell	--	12	14	14
Prairie	1	1	1	1
Richland	12	14	27	29
Roosevelt	11	51	64	67
Rosebud	--	2	1	2
Sanders	--	10	10	14
Sheridan	16	80	98	103
Stillwater	--	5	10	10
Sweet Grass	1	15	13	16
Teton	1	126	120	131
Toole	1	354	349	374
Valley	2	41	44	45
Wheatland	--	22	24	29
Wibaux	2	2	4	4
Yellowstone	3	8	7	8
TOTALS	88	1,959	2,072	2,262

1974 WHEAT AND FEED GRAIN PROGRAMS  
Allotment on Farms Earning Payment

County	Corn	Barley	Wheat	Total
Beaverhead		1,132	4,370	5,503
Big Horn		303	599	901
Blaine	26	1,304	1,793	3,123
Broadwater	35	5,218	19,103	24,356
Carbon		16	116	132
Carter	90	27	410	526
Cascade	311	4,086	8,337	12,734
Chouteau	3	8,341	20,939	29,283
Custer	216	352	1,958	2,526
Daniels	56	1,335	6,621	8,013
Dawson	167	289	1,158	1,615
Deer Lodge		292	291	584
Fallon	146	243	702	1,092
Fergus	65	11,169	21,440	32,674
Flathead		316	776	1,092
Gallatin		2,391	6,418	8,808
Garfield	174	687	2,721	3,583
Glacier		25,993	16,876	42,869
Golden Valley		160	858	1,018
Granite		317	458	776
Hill		2,511	5,635	8,146
Jefferson		1,583	6,318	7,901
Judith Basin	75	7,756	21,537	29,367
Lake		89	273	362
Lewis & Clark		2,904	8,991	11,896
Liberty		27,361	91,098	118,459
Lincoln		9	103	112
McCone	200	655	3,727	4,582
Madison		1,044	2,867	3,912
Meagher		340	898	1,238
Mineral		97	269	366
Missoula		720	2,107	2,827
Musselshell		864	2,710	3,574
Park		2,293	6,904	9,197
Petroleum			104	104
Phillips		389	1,089	1,478
Pondera		48,432	95,372	143,804
Powder River		15	154	169
Powell		495	1,049	1,544
Prairie	11	4	29	44
Richland	512	521	3,308	4,342
Roosevelt	401	2,314	15,017	17,732
Rosebud		95	68	163
Sanders		393	1,716	2,109
Sheridan	439	4,994	18,444	23,878
Stillwater		497	2,357	2,854
Sweet Grass	7	1,022	1,320	2,349
Teton	5	14,566	32,687	47,257
Toole	32	80,407	123,992	204,432
Valley	13	2,947	9,504	12,464
Wheatland		2,423	3,415	5,839
Wibaux	92	249	720	1,061
Yellowstone	76	920	2,039	3,036
TOTALS	3,152	272,880	581,765	857,806

1974 WHEAT AND FEED GRAIN PROGRAMS  
Number of Farms by Type of Disaster

County	Flood	Drought	Hail	Other
Beaverhead		8		
Big Horn			2	
Blaine	1	2	8	2
Broadwater		41	18	5
Carbon		1		1
Carter		1	1	
Cascade		53	10	
Chouteau		3	51	
Custer		8	1	4
Daniels		25		
Dawson		5		1
Deer Lodge		6		
Fallon		3		
Fergus		2	143	1
Flathead	1	17		
Gallatin		42	5	2
Garfield		1	16	
Glacier		75		
Golden Valley		1	5	1
Granite		8		
Hill		4	20	1
Jefferson		19		
Judith Basin		16	82	
Lake		7		
Lewis & Clark		38	2	1
Liberty		188	4	
Lincoln		2		
McCone		2	16	2
Madison		19		
Meagher		4	3	
Mineral		6 <u>1/</u>		
Missoula		10		
Musselshell		1	10	
Park		15	27	
Petroleum			1	
Phillips	1 <u>1/</u>		6	1
Pondera		334		
Powder River			2	
Powell		14		
Prairie		1		
Richland		24	3	2
Roosevelt		33	31	7 <u>1/</u>
Rosebud		2		
Sanders		13	1	
Sheridan		103		
Stillwater	1	6		4
Sweet Grass		8	8	
Teton		126	2	3
Toole		373		1
Valley		10	30	5
Wheatland		5	24	
Wibaux		4		
Yellowstone	3	4		1
TOTALS	7	1,693	532	45

1/ Includes one prevented planting.

## 1974 WHEAT AND FEED GRAIN PROGRAMS

Farm Net Earnings  
Prevented Planting and Low Yield 1/

County	Corn	Barley	Wheat	Total
Beaverhead		11,210	36,743	47,953
Big Horn		2,088	5,476	7,565
Blaine	1,257	8,914	11,854	22,026
Broadwater	829	55,164	194,050	250,042
Carbon		274	1,004	1,277
Carter	974	246	4,812	6,032
Cascade	8,160	25,838	84,690	118,689
Chouteau	143	80,399	346,989	427,532
Custer	5,260	2,572	18,986	26,819
Daniels	506	8,531	56,311	65,348
Dawson	1,327	2,192	9,932	13,451
Deer Lodge		1,792	6,085	7,877
Fallon	1,178	1,408	3,933	6,519
Fergus	1,288	112,263	240,411	353,961
Flathead		2,752	11,824	14,576
Gallatin		25,000	70,874	95,874
Garfield	1,624	5,232	25,782	32,638
Glacier		272,078	199,156	471,234
Golden Valley		1,052	6,815	7,867
Granite		2,531	3,558	6,090
Hill		21,599	62,833	84,432
Jefferson		15,594	65,258	80,852
Judith Basin	972	65,002	248,701	314,675
Lake		557	2,555	3,111
Lewis & Clark		29,891	97,552	127,442
Liberty		390,366	1,246,987	1,637,354
Lincoln		65	1,068	1,133
McCone	1,479	4,205	39,307	44,991
Madison		9,013	37,539	46,553
Meagher		2,453	10,942	13,394
Mineral		1,077	5,092	6,169
Missoula		6,453	14,485	20,939
Musselshell		7,896	24,339	32,235
Park		16,383	72,998	89,381
Petroleum			561	561
Phillips		2,427	9,952	12,379
Pondera		524,143	1,324,533	1,848,675
Powder River		176	1,419	1,595
Powell		7,528	17,787	25,314
Prairie	190	47	192	430
Richland	9,204	4,842	27,476	41,522
Roosevelt	4,082	16,959	137,671	158,712
Rosebud		973	856	1,829
Sanders		2,996	11,244	14,240
Sheridan	4,032	32,927	167,049	204,009
Stillwater		3,100	23,613	26,713
Sweet Grass	176	10,855	12,975	24,007
Teton	101	131,676	368,762	500,539
Toole	469	983,520	1,797,256	2,781,245
Valley	311	23,682	93,365	117,358
Wheatland		18,119	42,138	60,257
Wibaux	763	1,567	7,291	9,621
Yellowstone	1,786	6,193	9,808	17,787
TOTALS	46,111	2,963,820	7,322,889	10,332,824

1/ Only 3 farms qualified for prevented planting.



## 1974 WHEAT AND FEED GRAIN PROGRAMS

Net Payments Made to Producers  
Prevented Planting and Low Yield 1/

County	Corn	Barley	Wheat	Total
Beaverhead		11,210	36,743	47,953
Big Horn		2,088	5,476	7,565
Blaine	1,257	9,313	11,854	22,425
Broadwater	829	42,602	185,802	229,232
Carbon		274	1,004	1,277
Carter	974	246	4,812	6,032
Cascade	8,160	25,705	84,823	118,689
Chouteau	143	60,375	306,389	366,908
Custer	5,260	2,572	18,986	26,819
Daniels	506	8,531	56,311	65,348
Dawson	1,327	2,192	9,932	13,451
Deer Lodge		1,792	6,085	7,877
Fallon	1,178	1,408	3,933	6,519
Fergus	1,288	112,263	240,411	353,961
Flathead		2,752	11,814	14,565
Gallatin		25,000	70,767	95,767
Garfield	1,624	5,232	25,782	32,638
Glacier		246,171	188,744	434,916
Golden Valley		1,052	6,815	7,867
Granite		3,575	3,994	7,569
Hill		21,828	63,390	85,217
Jefferson		11,595	65,258	76,853
Judith Basin	972	65,002	248,871	314,845
Lake		557	2,555	3,111
Lewis & Clark		29,626	97,816	127,443
Liberty		361,698	1,158,900	1,520,599
Lincoln		65	1,068	1,133
McCone	1,479	4,211	39,350	45,040
Madison		7,482	37,539	45,021
Meagher		2,453	10,942	13,394
Mineral		1,077	5,092	6,169
Missoula		5,734	15,353	21,087
Musselshell		7,744	24,492	32,235
Park		16,443	73,167	89,610
Petroleum			561	561
Phillips		2,427	9,952	12,379
Pondera		524,142	1,281,630	1,805,772
Powder River		176	1,419	1,595
Powell		7,528	17,787	25,314
Prairie	190	47	788	1,025
Richland	9,204	4,842	27,476	41,522
Roosevelt	4,264	17,108	138,521	159,894
Rosebud		954	856	1,810
Sanders		2,996	11,244	14,240
Sheridan	4,032	32,927	167,049	204,009
Stillwater		8,217	20,890	29,107
Sweet Grass	176	10,722	11,561	22,460
Teton	101	131,676	368,762	500,539
Toole	469	897,397	1,746,620	2,644,486
Valley	311	23,682	93,365	117,358
Wheatland		18,119	42,138	60,257
Wibaux	763	1,567	7,291	9,621
Yellowstone	1,786	6,286	16,241	24,312
TOTALS	46,293	2,790,681	7,088,421	9,925,396

1/ Only 4 payees qualified for prevented planting.



# COMPLIANCE





## COMPLIANCE

Compliance with program requirements is determined by producer certification with administrative control visits being made on a percentage of the participating farms. A 100 percent check was made of wheat and feed grain disaster farms to determine extent of disaster, acres involved, and amount of current year production stored on the farm.

Producer measurement service is available to any farmer for the purpose of determining official acreages on new breaking or split fields and for determining quantities of farm stored commodities. A nominal charge is made for this service.

## 1974 WHEAT AND FEED GRAIN DISASTER PROGRAMS

County	Wheat		Feed Grain	
	Certified And Checked	Discrepancies	Certified And Checked	Discrepancies
Beaverhead	11	0	10	0
Big Horn	2	0	2	0
Blaine	9	0	11	0
Broadwater	58	0	50	0
Carbon	1	0	1	0
Carter	2	0	2	0
Cascade	82	1	78	0
Chouteau	75	0	28	0
Custer	10	0	10	0
Daniels	27	0	21	0
Dawson	10	0	11	0
Deer Lodge	5	0	6	0
Fallon	4	0	4	0
Fergus	94	0	135	0
Flathead	17	0	13	0
Gallatin	56	1	50	1
Garfield	16		14	0
Glacier	76	0	74	0
Golden Valley	4	0	0	0
Granite	7	0	6	0
Hill	28	0	28	0
Jefferson	14	0	10	0
Judith Basin	93	0	92	0
Lake	4	0	3	0
Lewis & Clark	26	0	26	0
Liberty	196	0	124	0
Lincoln	2	0	1	0
McCone	31	0	23	0
Madison	12	0	12	0
Meagher	6	0	5	0
Mineral	1	0	4	0
Missoula	5	0	9	0
Musselshell	9	0	10	0
Park	43	0	38	0
Petroleum	1	0	0	0
Phillips	11	0	7	0
Pondera	329	0	323	1
Powder River	1	0	1	0
Powell	18	0	15	0
Prairie	0	0	1	0
Ravalli	0	0	0	0
Richland	40	0	24	0
Roosevelt	92	0	38	1
Rosebud	2	0	3	0
Sanders	11	0	10	0
Sheridan	113	2	99	0
Silver Bow	0	0	0	0
Stillwater	14	0	8	0
Sweet Grass	14	0	13	0
Teton	36	0	34	0
Toole	431	1	371	1
Treasure	0	0	1	0
Valley	54	0	52	0
Wheatland	20	0	20	0
Wibaux	8	0	3	0
Yellowstone	23	0	23	0
TOTALS	2,254	5	1,957	4

## 1974 WHEAT PROVEN YIELDS

County	Certifications	Checks	Discrepancies
Beaverhead	2	2	0
Big Horn	14	1	0
Blaine	32	2	0
Broadwater	11	3	0
Carbon	3	3	2
Carter	2	1	0
Cascade	2	2	0
Chouteau	9	5	0
Custer	1	1	0
Daniels	90	5	0
Dawson	11	2	0
Deer Lodge	0	0	0
Fallon	51	3	0
Fergus	13	1	0
Flathead	6	1	0
Gallatin	4	2	0
Garfield	9	5	0
Glacier	4	1	0
Golden Valley	12	1	0
Granite	0	0	0
Hill	21	2	0
Jefferson	0	0	0
Judith Basin	0	0	0
Lake	5	2	0
Lewis & Clark	1	1	0
Liberty	0	0	0
Lincoln	0	0	0
McCone	50	3	0
Madison	0	0	0
Meagher	0	0	0
Mineral	0	0	0
Missoula	1	1	0
Musselshell	4	1	0
Park	0	0	0
Petroleum	0	0	0
Phillips	21	21	1
Pondera	6	1	0
Powder River	7	1	0
Powell	0	0	0
Prairie	11	3	0
Ravalli	0	0	0
Richland	112	15	0
Roosevelt	42	2	0
Rosebud	0	0	0
Sanders	0	0	0
Sheridan	91	9	0
Silver Bow	0	0	0
Stillwater	0	0	0
Sweet Grass	1	1	0
Teton	17	1	0
Toole	1	1	0
Treasure	1	1	0
Valley	25	2	0
Wheatland	0	0	0
Wibaux	3	3	0
Yellowstone	3	2	0
TOTALS	699	114	3

## 1973 REAP and 1974 REC

County	Certifications	Checks	Discrepancies
Beaverhead	25	17	0
Big Horn	71	22	1
Blaine	159	11	0
Broadwater	16	2	0
Carbon	57	10	0
Carter	4	4	0
Cascade	334	29	0
Chouteau	38	14	0
Custer	0	0	0
Daniels	68	7	0
Dawson	66	9	0
Deer Lodge	11	8	0
Fallon	48	5	0
Fergus	158	4	0
Flathead	89	13	0
Gallatin	50	5	0
Garfield	38	3	0
Glacier	161	6	0
Golden Valley	36	6	0
Granite	17	11	0
Hill	56	4	0
Jefferson	28	3	0
Judith Basin	90	4	0
Lake	85	7	0
Lewis & Clark	37	7	0
Liberty	36	7	0
Lincoln	10	2	0
McCone	30	8	0
Madison	40	5	0
Meagher	64	5	0
Mineral	19	5	0
Missoula	78	12	0
Musselshell	24	7	0
Park	53	4	0
Petroleum	11	0	0
Phillips	61	4	1
Pondera	106	20	1
Powder River	36	2	0
Powell	62	22	0
Prairie	24	5	0
Ravalli	57	13	0
Richland	44	6	0
Roosevelt	34	4	0
Rosebud	38	20	1
Sanders	86	25	1
Sheridan	78	24	1
Silver Bow	3	3	0
Stillwater	209	15	0
Sweet Grass	75	10	0
Teton	9	0	0
Toole	58	4	0
Treasure	29	8	0
Valley	79	4	0
Wheatland	64	8	0
Wibaux	36	8	0
Yellowstone	14	0	0
TOTALS	3,309	471	6

## COMPLIANCE DETERMINATIONS - CAP and WBP

County	CAP		WBP	
	Certifications	Checks	Certifications	Checks
Beaverhead	1	1		
Blaine	1	1		
Broadwater	1	1		
Carbon	1	1		
Carter	2	1		
Cascade	2	2		
Custer	1	1		
Daniels	2	1	16	3
Dawson	20	6		
Fallon	10	1		
Fergus	4	1		
Garfield	2	1		
Glacier	1	1	2	2
McCone	6	1		
Missoula	1	1		
Musselshell	3	1		
Petroleum	4	2		
Pondera	1	1	12	2
Powell	1			
Prairie	4	2		
Richland	18	17		
Roosevelt	9	2	5	1
Rosebud	1	1		
Sheridan	7	1	11	1
Teton	2	1	4	3
Toole			17	4
Valley	1	1		
Wheatland	2	2 <u>1/</u>		
Wibaux	5	2		
Yellowstone	1	1		
TOTALS	114	55	67	16

1/ 1 discrepancy

## MEASUREMENT SERVICES PERFORMED

County	Wheat	Feed Grain	Other
Beaverhead	0	0	0
Big Horn	1	0	0
Blaine	1	0	16
Broadwater	0	0	0
Carbon	0	0	0
Carter	0	0	0
Cascade	10	1	13
Chouteau	14	14	12
Custer	0	0	10
Daniels	21	18	22
Dawson	69	69	36
Deer Lodge	0	0	0
Fallon	12	12	3
Fergus	4	4	0
Flathead	1	1	1
Gallatin	0	0	3
Garfield	0	0	6
Glacier	2	0	12
Golden Valley	1	0	3
Granite	0	0	0
Hill	0	0	1
Jefferson	0	0	0
Judith Basin	3	3	10
Lake	0	0	0
Lewis & Clark	3	3	0
Liberty	32	0	2
Lincoln	0	0	0
McCone	1	0	13
Madison	0	0	0
Meagher	0	0	0
Mineral	0	0	0
Missoula	0	0	0
Musselshell	0	0	0
Park	0	0	2
Petroleum	0	0	0
Phillips	0	0	0
Pondera	0	0	20
Powder River	0	0	0
Powell	0	0	0
Prairie	2	1	5
Ravalli	0	0	0
Richland	9	6	50
Roosevelt	20	0	7
Rosebud	2	0	4
Sanders	0	0	0
Sheridan	11	0	32
Silver Bow	0	0	0
Stillwater	0	0	1
Sweet Grass	0	0	2
Teton	1	1	29
Toole	0	0	101
Treasure	1	0	1
Valley	5	5	1
Wheatland	0	3	5
Wibaux	0	0	0
Yellowstone	1	0	4
TOTALS	227	141	427



**EMERGENCY**

**LIVESTOCK FEED**





## EMERGENCY LIVESTOCK FEED PROGRAM

The objective of the Livestock Feed Program is to give assistance to eligible livestock owners in designated emergency areas through sales of feed grain at beneficial prices to provide feed for eligible livestock. The program may be instituted in areas certified by the Governor of the State and determined by the Secretary of Agriculture to be short of feed because of flood, drouth, storm or other catastrophe.

Livestockmen participating in the program must establish:

- 1 A loss of feed supplies due to the disaster.
- 2 Inadequate feed supplies on hand.
- 3 Ownership of eligible livestock (essentially basic or foundation herds).
- 4 Proof of undue financial hardship imperiling continuance of his basic ranching operations.

During the summer of 1973 a severe drouth occurred in the Western and North Central part of Montana. This was a continuation of a drouth from the previous year and, in some parts, the third year of ravished range, low grain and roughage production and inadequate livestock water.

The Livestock Feed Program was initiated in the Fall of 1973 and was continued through May of 1974. CCC-owned stocks of oats were made available from small inventories in the area and CCC bin sites in eastern Montana with the bulk of the grain being shipped by rail and truck from North Dakota. While the maximum allowance per animal unit was set at 10 pounds per animal unit per day, purchases by livestockmen actually amounted to about 5 pounds per A.U. The price to livestockmen was set at 75% of the local county loan rate for primary (foundation herds) livestock and 100% of loan to other (secondary) livestock.

Nearly 5 million bushels of oats were sold to the 1577 livestockmen who qualified for the program.

A report of sales activity by counties follows. (In some instances counties are grouped due to administration of the program from a consolidated ASCS county office.)

1973-74

COUNTY	NUMBER APPLICANTS	BUSHELS SOLD
Broadwater	12	50,116
Cascade	85	252,702
Flathead-Lincoln	214	424,378
Glacier	123	708,524
Jefferson-Madison-Silver Bow	97	137,298
Lake	388	658,210
Lewis & Clark	32	72,006
Liberty	46	178,628
Meagher	41	128,786
Missoula-Mineral	73	227,577
Pondera	48	284,218
Powell-Deer Lodge-Granite	95	385,466
Sanders	156	231,982
Teton	56	397,332
Toole	63	667,071
Wheatland	48	181,764
TOTALS	1,577	4,986,058

# **RURAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSISTANCE**





## 1973 RURAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

and

## 1974 RURAL ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION PROGRAM

Both the 1973 REAP and the 1974 RECP were operated in 1974. The 1973 REAP had been terminated but was reinstated in March, 1974. Both programs share with farmers and ranchers the cost of performing soil and water conservation measures essential to (1) protecting agricultural lands from wind and water erosion, (2) improving the productivity of the Nation's agricultural resources (3) conserve water, and (4) enhancing the quality of the environment by helping to abate the pollution of soil, water and air.

Averaging about 50 percent of the cost of a practice, this cost-sharing is provided in the form of conservation materials, services and financial assistance. Costs are shared for those approved conservation practices on individual farms most urgently needed, for which cost-sharing is requested and for which the work is performed effectively according to recognized standards.

This conservation program and its accomplishments are reviewed annually by county and State agencies and recommendations are made to improve the program. Conservation practices are selected to meet local and National needs. Each county has a list of approved conservation practices adapted to its particular needs.

The following report lists the accomplishments under the 1973 REAP and the 1974 RECP.

## LONG-TERM AGREEMENTS

Beginning with the 1974 RECP, long-term agreements were offered to farmers and ranchers in 17 Western Montana counties not eligible for the Great Plains Conservation Program administered by the Soil Conservation Service. Long-term agreements provide for the performance of conservation practices over an extended period of time in accordance with a well defined conservation plan of operations. The term of the agreement cannot be less than three years nor more than ten years. It affords the farmer a chance to plan the conservation work needed to treat the major conservation problems on his farm over an extended period. In addition, it assures him cost-sharing in any given year of his agreement whether or not a conservation program is in effect in that particular year.

## FORESTRY INCENTIVE PROGRAM

The Forestry Incentive Program was created by Congress to share the cost of (1) tree planting and (2) improving stands of existing forest trees. The purpose of both practices is to produce timber and improve the environment and to increase growth of selected trees on sites suitable for production of saw timber. The demand for wood in this country is expected to exceed the supply within thirty years unless more trees are planted per year and much more forest land is placed under forest management. Most small landowners who control the majority of forest lands in the nation do not have the funds to make such long-term investments. Therefore, this program is designed to share this expense with the small owner. During 1974, FIP was offered only in 11 Western Montana counties with high timber production potential.



## PRACTICE SUMMARY - 1973 PROGRAM YEAR

REGULAR REAP	
Participating farms	4,662

POOLING AGREEMENTS - REGULAR REAP	
Number of agreements	89
Number of farms participating	953
Cost-Shares	844,633

PRACTICE SUMMARY - REGULAR REAP					
Practice No.	Practice	Units	No. Units	Cost-Shares (Exclude SCI)	No. Farms
A-2	Permanent Cover	Acre	77,787	922,443	1,596
A-5	Stripcropping	Acre	24,565	35,709	89
A-7	Trees or Shrubs	Acre	266	18,681	89
B-1	Improving or Protecting Permanent Cover	Acre	363,517	195,912	379
B-3-F	Control of Competitive Shrubs on Range or Pasture	Acre	4,407	8,373	6
B-5	Facilities for Livestock Water	Number A. Served	914 817,224	789,734	799
B-7	Water Impoundment Reservoirs	Number A. Served	309 258,804	293,513	276
B-10	Timber Stand Improvement	Acre	1,405	68,467	83
B-12-F	Control of Noxious Weeds	Acre A. Served	2,909 8,105	9,366	45
C-5	Diversion Terraces, Ditches, or Dikes	A. Served	15,067	82,850	78
C-8	Streambank or Shore Protection	A. Served	9,813	169,070	121
C-9-F	Permanent Open Drainage	A. Served	4,818	10,836	21
C-10-F	Underground Drainage	A. Served	615	16,424	15
C-11-F	Shaping or Land Grading to Permit Drainage	A. Served	37	412	4
C-12	Reorganizing Irrigation Systems	A. Served	92,350	411,773	509
C-13-F	Land Leveling	Acre	329	16,445	9
F-2	Special Conservation Practices	A. Served	283,230	571,976	889
F-3	Practices to Meet New Conservation Problems	A. Served	26,643	235,876	486
G-1	Wildlife Food Plots, Habitat, or Cover	Acre A. Served	12 75	692	4



## PRACTICE SUMMARY (continued)

Practice No.	Practice	Unit	No. Units	Cost-Shares (Exclude SCI)	No. Farms
G-2	Shallow Water Areas for Wildlife	Number	3	1,961	3
		A. Served	22		
G-4	Other Wildlife Practices	A. Served	940	4,441	16
I-1	Animal Waste Storage and Diversion Facilities	Number	76	131,147	70
		An. Units	9,630		
		Tons of Waste	125,190		
J-1	Sediment Retention and Water Control Structures	Number	16	28,268	22
		A. Served	2,019		
J-2	Sediment or Chemical Runoff Control Measures	Acre	482	42,608	97
		A. Served	17,143		
J-4	Excess Water Management Systems	A. Served	454	5,537	8
J-5	Conservation Tillage	Acre	54	672	2
K-1	Disposal of Farmland Residues Without Burning	A. Served	4	135	1
L-1	Disposal Pits for Solid Wastes	Number	132	10,731	43
TOTAL				4,084,052	

## PRACTICE SUMMARY - EMERGENCY CONSERVATION MEASURES

Practice No.	Practice	Unit	No. Units	Cost-Shares (Exclude SCI)	No. Farms
F-4	Emergency Conservation Measures	A. Served	7,460	66,003	662

## TRANSFER OF REAP FUNDS TO SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE (5%),

## STATE DIVISION OF FORESTRY (1%) FOR TECHNICAL SERVICES

## AND PROGRAM SERVICES

1973 REAP

County	Amount Transferred 5% Agreements	Amount Transferred 1% Agreements	Program Services	5% ECM SCS
Beaverhead	3,500		88	
Big Horn	5,009			
Blaine	6,500			
Broadwater	3,100			
Carbon	7,900			
Carter	2,500			
Cascade	9,353			
Chouteau	5,900		55	
Custer	3,003		57	
Daniels	2,500		53	
Dawson	2,900			
Deer Lodge	900			
Fallon	4,851			
Fergus	4,450		219	
Flathead	3,453			
Gallatin	5,150			
Garfield	2,500			
Glacier	2,950			
Golden Valley	1,300		75	
Granite	1,200			
Hill	3,850			
Jefferson	3,500		82	
Judith Basin	1,700			
Lake	4,350	45		
Lewis & Clark	3,750			
Liberty	2,650			
Lincoln	1,700			
McCone	3,050			
Madison	6,350			848
Meagher	2,900			
Mineral	1,000	16		
Missoula	3,600	33	50	
Musselshell	1,500		75	
Park	2,150			
Petroleum	1,800			
Phillips	2,750		472	
Pondera	2,950			
Powder River	2,500			
Powell	1,950	75		
Prairie	1,300		16	
Ravalli	13,252	205		3,796
Richland	6,807			
Roosevelt	2,850			
Rosebud	6,950		400	
Sanders	1,625	116	4	
Sheridan	3,350			
Silver Bow	800			
Stillwater	5,950		1,140	
Sweet Grass	2,250			
Teton	3,850		514	
Toole	2,750			
Treasure	4,920		200	
Valley	3,257		48	
Wheatland	1,500			
Wibaux	1,300			
Yellowstone	3,380			

## PRACTICE SUMMARY - 1974 PROGRAM YEAR

## REGULAR RECP

Participating farms	1,412
Farms participating at least once during 1970-1974	17,260

## LONG TERM AGREEMENTS

Participating farms	81
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## FORESTRY INCENTIVE PROGRAM

Participating farms	45
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## POOLING AGREEMENTS - REGULAR RECP

Number of agreements	68
Number of farms participating	696
Cost-Shares	321,759

## PRACTICE SUMMARY - REGULAR RECP

Practice No.	Practice	Units	No. Units	Cost-Shares (Exclude SCI)	No. Farms
RE-1	Establishing Permanent Vegetative Cover	Acre	10,839	132,514	184
RE-2	Improving Permanent Vegetative Cover	Acre	3,334	13,580	19
RE-3	Planting Trees	Acre	9	55	1
RE-4	Improving a Stand of Forest Trees	Acre	853	38,748	35
RE-5	Water Impoundment Reservoirs	Number A. Served	101 141,991	81,595	86
RE-6	Stripcropping	Acre	100	540	1
RE-8	Diversions	A. Served	2,520	53,062	51
RE-9	Streambank Stabilization	A. Served	2,242	45,591	30
RE-10	Permanent Wildlife Habitat	Acre A. Served	46 1,255	3,389	3
RE-11	Sediment Retention, Erosion or Water Control Structures	Number A. Served	12 381	5,559	7
RE-12	Sediment, Chemical or Water Runoff Control Measures	Acre A. Served	205 1,873	7,023	18
RE-13	Windbreak or Shelterbelts	Acre A. Served	136 2,183	7,778	20
RE-14	Reorganizing Irrigation Systems	A. Served	141,199	972,129	1,072
S	Special Conservation Practices	A. Served	202,688	187,876	183
TOTAL				1,549,439	

## PRACTICE SUMMARY - 1974 PROGRAM YEAR

PRACTICE SUMMARY - LONG TERM AGREEMENTS					
Practice No.	Practice	Unit	No. Units	Cost-Shares (Exclude SCI)	No. Farms
RE-1	Establishing Permanent Vegetative Cover	Acre	1,143	15,639	32
RE-4	Improving a Stand of Forest Trees	Acre	138	8,615	13
RE-5	Water Impoundment Reservoirs	Number A. Served	4 510	6,300	4
RE-8	Diversions	A. Served	20	1,650	2
RE-9	Streambank Stabilization	A. Served	7	450	1
RE-10	Permanent Wildlife Habitat	Acre A. Served	1 40	34	1
RE-12	Sediment, Chemical or Water Runoff Control Measures	Acre A. Served	1 5	9	1
RE-14	Reorganizing Irrigation Systems	A. Served	2,892	58,769	34
S	Special Conservation Practices	A. Served	1,147	1,884	4
TOTAL				93,350	

PRACTICE SUMMARY - FORESTY INCENTIVES PROGRAM					
Practice No.	Practice	Unit	No. Units	Cost-Shares (Exclude SCI)	No. Farms
RE-3	Planting Trees	Acre	6	686	1
RE-4	Improving a Stand of Forest Trees	Acre	745	40,839	44
TOTAL				41,525	

## TRANSFER OF RECP FUNDS TO SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE (5%)

## AND PROGRAM SERVICES

1974 RECP

County	Amount Transferred 5% Agreements	Program Services
Beaverhead	2,300	
Big Horn	2,000	
Blaine	2,700	
Broadwater	2,050	
Carbon	2,450	168
Carter	1,350	
Cascade	2,700	225
Chouteau	2,050	
Custer	2,350	
Daniels	1,050	
Dawson	1,450	
Deer Lodge	600	
Fallon	1,100	497
Fergus	2,700	168
Flathead	2,350	
Gallatin	2,700	
Garfield	1,350	
Glacier	1,850	
Golden Valley	850	409
Granite	750	
Hill	1,900	175
Jefferson	1,250	95
Judith Basin	950	
Lake	2,925	
Lewis & Clark	1,500	
Liberty	900	
Lincoln	2,350	
McCone	1,750	
Madison	4,400	
Meagher	1,200	
Mineral	1,000	
Missoula	2,400	
Musselshell	900	409
Park	1,350	
Petroleum	950	
Phillips	1,500	
Pondera	1,650	61
Powder River	1,400	
Powell	1,400	
Prairie	750	48
Ravalli	2,800	
Richland	3,042	318
Roosevelt	1,300	
Rosebud	3,300	389
Sanders	2,850	
Sheridan	1,400	118
Silver Bow	350	
Stillwater	1,850	
Sweet Grass	1,650	
Teton	2,150	
Toole	1,200	80
Treasure	1,100	200
Valley	1,700	
Wheatland	1,200	
Wibaux	750	
Yellowstone	2,050	
TOTALS	97,817	3,360



# **WATER BANK**







#### WATER BANK PROGRAM

This program was approved effective for 1972 to preserve, restore, and improve wetlands in important migratory waterfowl nesting and breeding areas and to provide other environmental and agricultural benefits.

The program was approved in a limited number of States, primarily in the prairie pothole region of the Northern Great Plains. Six counties were approved in Montana. Ten year agreements were signed.

The following is a summary of the Water Bank Agreements in effect. The agreements listed for 1973 were offered and signed in 1972 but became effective for 1973. No new agreements were signed in 1973.



## WATER BANK AGREEMENTS

Beginning Year Agreements	Number of Agreements	Total Designated Acres	Designated Wetland Acres	Designated Adjacent Acres	Payments
1972	25	2,883.1	831.3	2,051.8	\$27,450.40
1973	18	1,756.4	470.3	1,286.1	16,308.70
1974	29	2,019.4	546.3	1,473.1	19,097.11
TOTALS	72	6,658.9	1,847.9	4,811.0	62,856.21





